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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Sun, 17 Apr 1994 17:08:33 -0600

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!ve6mgs!

usenet@network.ucsd.edu Subject: ANS-106 Bulletins To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

SB SAT @ AMSAT \$ANS-106.01 GARC LANDLINE BBS OPENS

HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 106.01 FROM AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD APRIL 16, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

BID: \$ANS-106.01

Goddard Amateur Radio Club (GARC) Landline BBS Operations Begin

The NASA Goddard Amateur Radio Club (GARC), Inc. in Greenbelt, MD has been working behind the scenes on projects that may benefit all amateur radio operators in general and perhaps AMSAT members in particular.

Ron Parise (WA4SIR) has been "beta" testing a Bulletin Board System (BBS) which is accessible via the INTERNET through telnet and ftp (file transfer protocol), a telephone modem, and packet radio (locally on 145.090 MHz and non-locally through "packet wormholes"). With Ron's heavy STS-67 crew training as of late, Jim Blackwell (N3KWU) is picking up much of the work to complete the "beta" testing phase. The BBS contains keplerian orbital elements updated daily, AMSAT bulletins, SAREX bulletins, club member mail service, club announcements, space shuttle mission infor-mation and lots more.

Access via Internet: wa3nan.gsfc.nasa.gov or 128.183.105.17

via landline: 301-286-4137

via packet: WA3NAN on 145.090 MHz in Washington, DC area

Additionally, the Goddard Amateur Radio Club has a home page for public viewing on the GARC World Wide Web server. It contains the latest GARC Newsletter in electronic form, latest space shuttle keps, GARC calendar of events, details of upcoming club activities, current WA3NAN QSL card, club facility-repeater-BBS info, a morse code experiment and more.

WWW access URL:

http://macgwy-mac2.gsfc.nasa.gov/garc/wa3nan-home-page.html

The GARC Web server was developed and is maintained by club president Jim Blackwell (N3KWU) (n3kwu@amsat.org). All radio amateurs are invited to check out its potential. This medium is the hottest item on the INTERNET today.

[The AMSAT News Service (ANS) would like to thank WD8LAQ for this bulletin item. WD8LAG can be reached at his INTERNET address of wd8laq@amsat.org.]

/EX SB SAT @ AMSAT \$ANS-106.02 AMSAT PBBS CHANGES FREQUENCY

HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 106.02 FROM AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD APRIL 16, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

BID: \$ANS-106.02

AMSAT PBBS Changing Frequency 15-APR-1994

The AMSAT PBBS will be changing frequency and modes starting 15-APR-1994 at 16:00 UTC. The AMSAT PBBS will be on a "Mark" frequency of 14.079 MHz, that is 14.181.1 MHz AFSK LSB using the mode Pactor with the callsign WTON. The new schedule will be as follows: Monday through Saturday from 16:00 UTC until 23:00 UTC on a "Mark" frequency of 14.079 MHz. From 23:30 UTC until 04:00 UTC on a "Mark" frequency of 7.073.5 MHz, that is 7.075.6 MHz AFSK LSB, using the Mode Pactor. These changes have been made to better serve AMSAT users with improved coverage and the use of a mode that many of the users have expressed an interest in. If anyone would like to use the Mode G-TOR, please let WOTN and he will see about setting up a schedule for G-TOR users. Please send any comments or suggestions to one of the following addresses:

INTERNET: BJARTS@STTHOMAS.EDU

PACKET: WTON@WBOGDB.#STP.MN.USA.NOAM

PACTOR: WTON

The AMSAT PBBS will have updated Keps and AMSAT BULLETINS, along with SpaceNews and other satellite related items.

[The AMSAT News Service would like to thank B.J. Arts (WTON) for this bulletin item.]

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SB SAT @ AMSAT \$ANS-106.03
AO-13 OPS NET SCHEDULE

HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 106.03 FROM AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD APRIL 16, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

BID: \$ANS-106.03

Current AMSAT Operations Net Schedule For AO-13

AMSAT Operations Nets are planned for the following times. Mode-B Nets are conducted on AO-13 on a downlink frequency of 145.950 MHz. If, at the start of the OPS Net, the frequency of 145.950 MHz is being used for a QSO, OPS Net enthusiasts are asked to move to the alternate frequency of 145.955 MHz.

Date	UTC	Mode	Phs	NCS	Alt NCS
18-Apr-94	0100	В	188	W5IU	WA5ZIB
23-Apr-94	1800	В	180	VE2LVC	W90DI
30-Apr-94	2130	В	176	W90DI	VE2LVC
09-May-94	0000	В	175	W5IU	WA5ZIB
14-May-94	1700	В	167	WA5ZIB	W5IU
21-May-94	2130	В	185	VE2LVC	W90DI

Any stations with information on current events would be most welcomed. Also, those interested in discussing technical issues or who have questions about any particular aspect of OSCAR statellite operations, are encouraged to join the OPS Nets. If neither of the Net Control Stations show up, any participant is invited to act as the NCS.

Slow Scanners are invited to join the SSTV sessions on AO-13. The frequency is 145.955 MHz. The net meets at 45 minutes before Mode S, and on Mode B following Mode S on Saturdays and Sundays. Join those sessions or convey your wishes for other SSTV skeds to wb6llo@amsat.org, and he will coordinate your efforts.

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SB SAT @ AMSAT \$ANS-106.04
WEEKLY OSCAR STATUS REPORTS

[G3RUH/DB2OS/VK5AGR]

HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 106.04 FROM AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD APRIL 16, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT
BID: \$ANS-106.04

Weekly OSCAR Status Reports: 16-APR-94

FO-20: The following is the current schedule for transponder operations: ANALOG MODE:

20-Apr-94 7:35 -to- 27-Apr-94 7:55 UTC
11-May-94 6:54 -to- 18-May-94 7:20 UTC
Digital mode: Unless otherwise noted above.
[Kazu Sakamoto (JJ1WTK) qga02014@niftyserve.or.jp]

STS-59: To obtain a QSL, either as a result of a SWL or for a QSL, send your report or QSL to ARRL EAD, STS-59 QSL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111, USA. Include the following information in your QSL or report: STS-59, date, time in UTC, frequency and mode (FM voice or packet). In addit-ion, you must also include an SASE (or sufficient IRCs) using a large, business-sized envelope if you wish to receive a card. The Orange Park Amateur Radio Club in Florida has generously volunteered to manage the

cards for this mission. [Bob Inderbitzen (NQ1R) Assistant to the Manager, ARRL Educational Activities]

KO-23: Working well and has a new pair of images. [WH6I]

KO-25: Working well. A number of new images can be found on KO-25 but since the wide angle images are in a new format that so far has not been decoded, and since narrow angle images are very hard to locate in the absence of the companion wide angle image there is very little to get out of the images that are available. [WH6I]

AO-16: Working well. WH6I notes that usage on the 1200 baud OSCARS has has dropped off considerably. [WH6I]

LO-19: Working well. [WH6I]

The AMSAT NEWS Service (ANS) is looking for volunteers to contribute weekly OSCAR status reports. If you have a favorite OSCAR which you work on a regular basis and would like to contribute to this bulletin, please send your observations to WDOHHU at his CompuServe address of 70524,2272, on INTERNET at wdOhhu@amsat.org, or to his local packet BBS in the Denver, CO area, WDOHHU @ WOLJF.#NECO.CO.USA.NOAM. Also, if you find that the current set of orbital elements are not generating the correct AOS/LOS times at your QTH, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION AS WELL. The information you provide will be of value to all OSCAR enthusiasts.

/EX

Date: Mon, 18 Apr 1994 15:09:27 GMT

From: yale.edu!nigel.msen.com!zib-berlin.de!uni-paderborn.de! urmel.informatik.rwth-aachen.de!gmd.de!NewsWatcher!user@yale.arpa

Subject: APT-Satellites: Report APR 16, 1994

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Observed at station 50.7 NLat, 7.1 ELon, APR 16, 1994

NOAA-9: APT 137.62 On NOAA-10: APT 137.50 *OFF* NOAA-11: APT 137.62 On NOAA-12: APT 137.50 On Meteor 3-5: APT 137.85 On

NOAA-10 is near NOAA-12. Thus NOAA-10 APT is OFF to avoid interference caused by two visible transmitters using the same frequency. (VHF-conflict)

Date: 19 Apr 1994 01:56:57 GMT

From: ncar!hsdndev!dartvax.dartmouth.edu!usenet@ames.arpa

Subject: Point me to the FAQ please...

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Can someone point me to the FAQ for amateur satellites? I don't seem to see it here or in rec.radio.info. I figure it is the best place to start.

Also, if anyone knows of other net or hard copy resources that could get

someone interested in getting into low power/low expense casual satellite activity (who is currently fairly clueless about it all), I would be very interested.

Thanks in advance...

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Kenneth E. Harker N1PVB Dartmouth College Amateur Packet Radio kenneth.e.harker@dartmouth.edu Hinman Box 1262 n1pvb@w1et.nh.usa.na (603) 643-5716 Hanover, NH 03755 or n1pvb-5 on 144.99

(PGP Public Key now available on request)

Date: 15 Apr 94 02:27:20 GMT

From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!

library.ucla.edu!news.ucdavis.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!marcbg@ucbvax.berkeley.edu

Subject: SAREX element set 4/14/94 at 0:40 UTC

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Greenbelt, MD, 4/14/94 at 0:40 UTC

The official SAREX element set at this time is GSFC-016. This element set was generated by Ron Parise, WA4SIR, of the Goddard Space Flight Center. Gil Carman, WA5NOM, reports that the predictions using GSFC-016 were 6 seconds earlier than GSFC-014 as of 15:00 UTC on 4/13.

STS-59

1 23042U 94020A 94103.28423883 0.00019321 11073-4 10308-4 0 169

2 23042 56.9943 245.4685 0009256 288.8199 71.1887 16.21374060 631

Satellite: STS-59 Catalog number: 23042

(13 APR 94 06:49:18.24 UTC) Epoch time: 94103.28423883

Element set: GSFC-016

Inclination: 56.9943 deg

RA of node: 245.4685 deg Space Shuttle Flight STS-59

Eccentricity: 0.0009256 Keplerian Elements

Arg of perigee: 288.8199 deg Mean anomaly: 71.1887 deg

Mean motion: 16.21374060 rev/day Semi-major Axis: 6593.9561 Km 0.19E-03 rev/day*2 Apogee Alt: Decay rate: 221.67 Km Epoch rev: 63 Perigee Alt: 209.46 Km

NOTE:

This element set is based on NORAD element set # 016. The spacecraft has been propagated to the next ascending node, and the orbit number has been adjusted to bring it into agreement with the NASA numbering convention.

Submitted by Frank H. Bauer, KA3HDO for the SAREX Working Group

Marc Grant Voice Mail: 214-246-1150 home: marcbg@netcom.com work: marcbg@esy.com Amateur Radio N5MEI

Date: 14 Apr 94 00:52:52 GMT

From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!

alberta!ve6mgs!usenet@ucbvax.berkeley.edu

Subject: SAREX Keps 4/14 at 0:40 UTC

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

SB SAREX @ AMSAT \$STS-59.017 SAREX Keps 4/14 at 0:40 UTC

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Date: 18 Apr 94 22:56:29 GMT

From: agate!cat.cis.Brown.EDU!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!

serapions@ucbvax.berkeley.edu

Subject: satellite To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Hello,

My name is Paul and recently I have been reading a great book about satellites. The following is information that was covered in the first chapters.

A magnetic torquer is basically a rod with a coil wrapped around it. The direction of current into the coil can be changed. Torquers are used to counteract the earths magnetic field, as well as residual forces of the spacecraft. A magnetic dipole moment is produced when the coil is energized, defined as:

dipole moment = pole strength X distance between poles

A nutation damper is a tube partially filled with mercury and mounted on the spacecraft deck. It is a viscous damper, which damps out "nutation", (a "wobbly axis").

During the Hubble telescope repair, we heard a lot about Magnetometers. These are devices which measure the strength of a magnetic field, and also its direction. In its simplist form it is a solenoid coil with a ferromagnetic core. As it passes through the earths magnetic field a proportional output curreroduced.

Tracking refers to following, and plotting the path of an object. Telemetry, refers to the process of obtaining samples of data from various sensors and then transmitting the data to an earth station. The data from the sensors is first encoded and then modulated onto an RF carrier. The modulated carrier is transmitted to earth. A sensor measures some parameter such as radiation, temperature, pressure, or speed (RPM), and changes it into an electrical signal, which can be processed by a computer. Time division multiplexing or frequency division multiplexing are used to place all of the "telemetry data" on a single carrier.

Does anyone know the bandwidth requirement for telemetry (esp. PCM)? Please leave a reply or contact "Paul" via Internet, my address is:

Serapions@delphi.com

Date: Mon, 18 Apr 1994 14:25:17 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!sgiblab!darwin.sura.net!fconvx.ncifcrf.gov!

mack@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Satellite Receive Dishes Combined in Phase Array

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

In article <2osk75INN7mv@uwm.edu> weening@convex.csd.uwm.edu (Richard W Weening)
writes:

>Is anyone aware of successful methods for combining two or more satellite receive dishes

>in phase array as a means of achieving receive gain comparable to a single
>larger dish? Is there a Usenet Group concerned with the engineering aspects
>of satellite broadcasting and receive technology? Thanks

COmbinng antennas into arrays is covered in most texts on antennas. You will have to do it at receive frequency and feed the power to a combiner. The pointing accuracy needed will be approx that for an antenna with the diams spacing between the two dishes (ie you'll need to be very accurate), while the signal will only go up 3bd. This is great for radia astronomy where you want to know exactly where your source is. However you just want more signal, in which case it will be easier to buy a bigger dish.

Joe Mack NA3T mack@ncifcrf.gov

Date: Mon, 18 Apr 1994 12:56:06 GMT

From: galaxy.ucr.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!news.umbc.edu!eff!

news.kei.com!yeshua.marcam.com!zip.eecs.umich.edu!newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!

news1.oakland.edu!rcsuna@ihnp4.ucsd.edu

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I've always seen phased antenna arrays used for more precise pointing, not for increased gain. Of course, with a narrower "beam" you GET more gain, so maybe it isn't as unusual an idea as it first seemed....

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Alan Anderson (Wb9RUF) [no fancy .sig -- yet]

Date: Mon, 18 Apr 1994 12:49:40 GMT

From: netcomsv!netcom.com!marcbg@decwrl.dec.com

Subject: STS-59 mission extended

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Greenbelt, MD, 4/17/94 at 15:40 UTC

The STS-59 mission has been extended by one day. Landing is now set for 15:53 UTC on Tuesday April 19. This extension day provides an additional day of SAREX operations for those interested in making a SAREX contact.

The official SAREX element set for today is still JSC-021. This element set was generated by Gil Carman, WA5NOM, of the Johnson Space Flight Center.

STS-59

1 23042U 94020A 94105.62622017 .00203357 11079-4 10947-3 0 213 2 23042 56.9933 234.1397 0007233 279.9940 80.0358 16.22652200 1014

Satellite: STS-59 Catalog number: 23042

Epoch time: 94105.62622017 = (15 APR 94 15:01:45.42 UTC)

Element set: 021

Inclination: 56.9933 deg

RA of node: 234.1397 deg Space Shuttle Flight STS-59
Eccentricity: .0007233 Keplerian Element set JSC-021
Arg of perigee: 279.9940 deg from NASA flight Day 7 vector

Mean anomaly: 80.0358 deg

Mean motion: 16.22652200 rev/day G. L. Carman

Decay rate: 2.03357e-03 rev/day^2 NASA Johnson Space Center

Epoch rev: 101 Checksum: 271

Submitted by Frank H. Bauer, KA3HDO for the SAREX Working Group

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Marc Grant Voice Mail: 214-246-1150 home: marcbg@netcom.com work: marcbg@esy.com Amateur Radio N5MEI

Date: Mon, 18 Apr 1994 21:52:48 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!galaxy.ucr.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!

netcom.com!astroman@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: STS-59 Orbital State Vector Rev #151

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Vector format = 117

Satellite Name: STS-59

Catalog Number: 23042 94020A Epoch Date/Time: 94108.75165878472

04/18/1994 18:02:23.319 UTC

EFG E: 11352359.29 ft F: 3215735.26 ft G: -18105476.33 ft

Edot: -5497.5132 ft/s
Fdot: 24012.4114 ft/s
Gdot: 827.8732 ft/s

 ndot/2 (drag):
 0.00250000000 rev/day^2

 nddt/6:
 1.11000E-05 rev/day^3

 Bstar:
 8.99829E-05 1/Earth Radii

 Flset #:
 31

Elset #: 31 Rev @ Epoch: 151.75621515941

MSDOS/PC software is available for conversion of OSV to 2 Line Keplerian Elements via ftp to: oak.oakland.edu:/pub/msdos/hamradio/v2l9331.zip and the SIMTEL archives.

State Vectors courtesy Ken Ernandes N2WWD

Date: 15 Apr 94 02:40:39 GMT

From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!library.ucla.edu!

news.ucdavis.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!astroman@ucbvax.berkeley.edu

Subject: STS-59 Orbital State Vectors Rev #89

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Vector format = 1017

Satellite Name: STS-59

Catalog Number: 23042 94020A Epoch Date/Time: 94104.89669105324

04/14/1994 21:31:14.106 UTC

ECI X: 2019155.471079 ft
M50 Y: -15215137.202542 ft
Z: 15222360.072138 ft
Xdot: 18017.01562 ft/s
Ydot: 13922.94141 ft/s
Zdot: 11514.48438 ft/s

ndot/2 (drag): 0.01482654578 rev/day^2 nddt/6: 0.00000E+00 rev/day^3 Bstar: 6.11363E-04 1/Earth Radii

Elset #: 19
Rev @ Epoch: 89.15892374393

MSDOS/PC software is available for conversion of OSV to 2 Line Keplerian Elements via ftp to: oak.oakland.edu:/pub/msdos/hamradio/v2l9331.zip and the SIMTEL archives.

State Vectors courtesy Ken Ernandes N2WWD

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Date: 18 Apr 94 16:47:13 GMT From: telesoft!garym@uunet.uu.net

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

References <STS-59.94098.748@alsys.com>, <STS-59.94103.469@alsys.com>,

<STS-59.94105.626@alsys.com>

Reply-To : elements-request@alsys.com
Subject : STS-59 Element Set (94108.643)

STS-59

1 23042U 94020A 94108.64356620 .00203357 11079-4 10947-3 0 223 2 23042 56.9938 219.5250 0008385 295.2758 64.7483 16.24015035 1504

Satellite: STS-59 Catalog number: 23042

Epoch time: 94108.64356620 = (18 APR 94 15:26:44.11 UTC)

Element set: 022

Inclination: 56.9938 deg

RA of node: 219.5250 deg Space Shuttle Flight STS-59
Eccentricity: .0008385 Keplerian Element set JSC-022
Arg of perigee: 295.2758 deg from NASA flight Day 10 vector

Mean anomaly: 64.7483 deg

Mean motion: 16.24015035 rev/day G. L. Carman

Decay rate: 2.03357e-03 rev/day^2 NASA Johnson Space Center

Epoch rev: 150

(for Shuttle Elements subscription info, email: listserv@alsys.com)

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